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Floodgates of Inflation: Alarmed conservative sentiment in the Capital is rising against the reckless and feckless proposals to spend money in an effort to provide a Peruna for the present malaise of recession.

Economy advocates throughout the country might well be interested to hear that conservatives in the Congress are rallying to fight what they describe as an attempt to stage an "orgy of spending."

In the cloakrooms of both Senate and House, legislators who at first heeded cries to pass spending measures to alleviate the rise of unemployment now voice misgivings. They wonder if the recent demands by "liberal" Democrats to rush through "rescue" appropriations weren't merely an artfully hysterical operation, designed by braintrusters of the left-wing ADA stripe.

These moderates and conservatives on Capitol Hill point out that so far unemployment is not alarming, that it is far below the jobless figure of the Thirties under Roosevelt, that indeed it is no worse percentage-wise than the mild 1949-50 recession under Harry Truman. Eisenhower's warning in the past week about reckless spending and the dangers of consequent inflation have won him plaudits among many legislators who recently had become cool towards the President.

Some point out that former Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey might unfortunately be confirmed in his warnings of a year ago about the dangers of a runaway inflation as a result of unwise spending measures. Why should the whole economy of the Nation be jeopardized, it is asked, by hasty appropriations jammed through Congress in a harebrained way? A little patience, a great deal of foresight and wise recasting of our fiscal program — it is suggested — would prove infinitely more efficient in getting the economy back on the track.

● Representative Richard Simpson (R.-Pa.), Chairman of the GOP Congressional Campaign Committee and an important member of the House Ways and Means [Tax] Committee, expressed the thoughts of a number of his colleagues in his charge last week that current "liberal" taxation proposals are a "variation on the old idea of the iron fist inside the velvet glove." In an exclusive statement to HUMAN EVENTS, the veteran Congressman declared that the Democrats "propose tax reduction, but suggest no corresponding reduction in Federal expenditures. In fact, they are asking massive programs of public works which would cost additional billions of dollars."

Such policies, Simpson said, would produce a "marked increase in the national debt, resulting in a substantial rise in the interest paid on the debt, which is already the largest single non-defense item in the Budget. Further inflation would almost certainly follow. Thus the Democrats are trying to disguise themselves as proponents of tax relief and enemies of Big Government, when, in fact, their proposals would put additional collectivist burdens on the American people."

"What is necessary," Simpson concluded, "is a realistic plan of tax reduction which also envisions a sharp drop in the rate of Government spending. That is the way to spur economic activity and at the same time maintain the solvency of the American Government."

Labor Rackets Committee: A bombshell may or may not explode in the McClellan Committee ere long — depending on whether the Republican part of the Committee is permitted to detonate.

The lips of the GOP members remain sealed, but it is rumored that pay dirt has been struck by investigators in an eastern area of the United Automobile Workers empire. It is recalled that the McClellan Committee, in the past year, struck a similar lode in the operations of Hoffa and Beck of the Teamsters Union, and very creditably exposed Teamster malpractices and misuse of funds in that union's treasury. Now it is the turn of the Reuther union; the reports reaching HUMAN EVENTS from reliable sources indicate that the staff of the McClellan Committee has obtained valuable testimony about the UAW in this area which, if brought out in the hearings, would startle the Nation.

The big question around the town: when will Chairman McClellan sift the findings of his staff probers and lay the story before the public?

In this connection, an interview given last week by Senator Karl Mundt (R.-S.D.), prominent member of the McClellan Committee, has caught attention. Mundt told the Chicago *Daily News* that the proposal of Senator Wayne Morse (D.-Ore.) to add another Democrat to the presently evenly divided group "wouldn't get 15 votes — but it would give Republicans a chance to debate the peculiar way this committee was set up." Mundt was obviously referring to the power wielded by Counsel Robert Kennedy, now a highly controversial figure.

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Mundt also disclosed that GOP members of the Committee would call UAW boss Reuther to the stand to testify on matters apart from those now under investigation. Washingtonians wonder if this second probe of Reuther's doings will touch on what the *Daily Worker* last summer called "the socialist and radical backgrounds of the Reuther and Mazey brothers," and concerning which the *Worker* reported that *"Reuther may be confronted with the need for using the Fifth Amendment as an essential defense measure to safeguard the UAW in such smearing probes" (see* HUMAN EVENTS *for August 3, 1957).*

Summit Strategy: Two opposing developments in the campaign for a US-Soviet Summit conference are rapidly approaching a collision: 1) appeasement forces are striving to weaken US Summit opposition by undermining the stand taken by Secretary Dulles, while 2) resistance to high-level conferences is increasingly being voiced at the grass roots and by anti-Communist opinion leaders.

Attention is focussed on Vice President Nixon's declaration last week that "a Summit Conference which failed would increase rather than reduce international tensions." Those who recall the deflation that followed 1955's disastrous conclave at Geneva hail this warning from the Vice President.

And in an address to a group of Catholic journalists in Boston last month, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing warned against the error of consenting to a new series of Summit meetings with the Reds. "In the records of history," said Cushing, "there are few hoaxes perpetrated over and over again so often, victimizing such large populations and so many nations on such a wide scale, and bringing about such advance toward world conquest as the Communist cry of 'peace.' "

Indicating that the public is awake to such warnings as these, The Manchester (N.H.) *Union Leader* reported the results of a poll among its readers on the subject of a Summit conference. The results: 85.2 per cent of the respondents were opposed to a Summit meeting, 82.4 opposed to inviting heads of Red Governments to the US for conferences.

● On the pro-Summit side of the conflict, attention is focussed on an article appearing last month in *The Worker,* weekly relic of the now-defunct *Daily Worker.* Managing Editor Simon W. Gerson confidently declared that "mounting popular pressures will bring a Summit conference this year, it is widely held in this country and abroad."

Gerson added that "the demand for a break with the rigid Dulles policy — which in substance is an anti-coexistence policy and therefore a war policy — was seen here most dramatically in the four-hour speech of Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D.-Minn.) on the Senate floor, February 4. Despite many cold-war hangovers it obviously reflected a growing national mood."

To date, say Capital analysts, the *Worker's* self-assurance is sheer bluff. They add, however, that it may eventually prove justified unless the voters tell their legislators to halt the Summit drive soon.

● Also on the pro-Summit end, "leaked" bulletins in the "liberal" press state that US officials are drawing up disarmament proposals representing substantial concessions to previous Soviet demands, and allegedly easing the way for high-level talks. HUMAN EVENTS sources with access to high Government counsels label such reports as propaganda moves designed to create the impression that a Summit meeting is imminent, and thus to weaken the hopes of those resisting it. These sources believe that any Soviet agreement to meet at the Summit will hinge on the Reds' already indicated demands that the US abandon its bases in North Africa, Turkey and Europe. Unless such demands are dropped, they say, no Summit should take place.

● Synchronized with the drive for the Summit, pressure has been renewed during the past few weeks for a reversal of US policy towards trade with Communist countries.

Experts warn that Russian exports of valuable metals and minerals are presently being "dumped" in Great Britain, undermining British prices. The British Board of Trade is considering a protest lodged by the Aluminum Company of Canada that the Soviet Union is "dumping" aluminum in Great Britain at prices equal to as much as $42 a ton below ALCAN's price of $451.60 in the United Kingdom.

Whether such attempts to seduce the free world into increased trade activity with the Iron Curtain countries have been successful will be determined upon the final report of the trade review conference, currently in progress in Paris, involving the US and 14 other countries. The conference represents the second time in a year that the United States has faced pressure from Britain for easing controls. Last year Britain announced it would scrap extra-tough controls on shipments to Red China, despite American disapproval, to put China trading restrictions on a par with those governing exports to Eastern Europe.

The Pacific Frontier: Diplomatic observers in the Capital attach great significance to a statement — little-noticed in this country — issuing from last week's conference of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO), meeting in Manila. The resolution — introduced by American Secretary of State Dulles — authorized SEATO Secretary General Sarasin, of Thailand, to work out a system of information exchange with NATO. The declaration paralleled sentiment at the meeting for increased liaison between SEATO, NATO and the Baghdad Pact, the three principal alliances of free world nations.

The significance of this move, say well-informed observers newly arrived in the Capital from the Near East, is not that it seeks to bind the organizations in a *pro forma* alliance (which, as NATO has demonstrated, may limit effective anti-Communist action rather than promote it), but that it is the first step in an attempt to establish a common strategy between the truly anti-Communist nations of the world.

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Not yet revealed in the Capital is the report that Turkish Premier Menderes, along with his Foreign Minister, F. R. Zorlu, will depart on a tour of the Far East, April 20, which could go far to promote a true anti-Communist alliance. (Turkey is a member of both NATO and the Baghdad Pact alliance.) Menderes will pay calls in the capitals of Japan, South Korea, Free China and Viet Nam.

The last three of these, say observers, should prove to be the "business end" of the trip — demonstrating that the Turkish Premier is not interested in formalities so much as in getting some real anti-Communist results. Both South Korea and Free China, communism's foremost enemies in Asia, are excluded from the formal SEATO alliance.

● In sharp contrast to these resolute anti-Communist countries, say the analysts, is the case of Asia's No. one fellow traveler, India. News that the United States is extending still more aid to Nehru's socialist dictatorship has stirred the wrath of conservative legislators on the Hill. Senator William E. Jenner (R.-Ind.) scored the new $225 million grant to India as a move to strengthen socialism. In a fiery exchange with Senator John Sherman Cooper (R.-Ky.), former Modern Republican Ambassador to India and advocate of huge giveaways to Nehru, Jenner asked: "Has India ever sided one time with this country on a major foreign policy?" He received no answer from Cooper.

Similarly, Senator Styles Bridges (R.-N.H.) denounced the grant to India — coming on top of renewed aid to Poland (see HUMAN EVENTS for March 3, 1958) — as "the second foreign aid 'shocker' in two weeks."

"Neutralists like Nehru," Bridges said, "are those who want to receive the benefits of the free world effort to protect the independence of nations large and small against the only real threat to peace — aggressive communism. But neutralists refuse to accept the responsibilities of those in the free world collective defense systems."

"Let us direct our aid to friends who stand with us and stick with us," Bridges added. "This is the policy that makes sense."

Education Front: As Administration strategists try to rally their forces for the impending Federal scholarship battle in Congress, conservatives note ironically that some of the most damning evidence to date against the $1 billion proposal is available in the files and publications of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

In connection with the argument that we must "catch up" with the Soviet Union's allegedly massive concentration on higher education, HEW figures show that 28 per cent of the American college-age population is in school, while the corresponding figure for the Soviet Union is only ten per cent. Such statistics confirm, say the analysts, that if we have any "catching up" to do, it is not in quantitative matters such as the number of people that are able to attend college.

Adding more ammunition to the conservative arsenal was HEW Bulletin 1958-No. 1, which disclosed that lack of money was not the motivating reason for students dropping out of college. Cited first by male students as reasons for discontinuing their education were enlistment in the military service and "lack of interest"; by female students, a desire to get married and the acceptance of full-time employment.

Finally, traditional educators second the analysis offered by Dr. Milton Eisenhower, President of Johns Hopkins University: "[students] have been bored to death and have developed slovenly thinking and learning habits. They want no more of education following completion of the high school curriculum."

National Council of Churches: Followers of the left-wing antics of the National Council of Churches received with considerable interest recently the report of the Second Presbyterian Church of Charleston, S.C., on the occasion of its withdrawal from affiliation with the Council.

The Charleston church upbraided the NCC for persisting in "activity which has been highly objectionable to many of the individual churches constituting the Council, among which is continued political activity including, as appears from the minority report of the Interchurch Relations Committee made in 1957, efforts from time to time to influence the Congress of the United States towards the enactment of certain pending bills, among others, the Anti-Poll Tax bill, the Fair Employment bill, the Minimum Wage bill, socialized medicine, socialized insurance and segregation legislation." The church recommended that other Presbyterian churches in Charleston also withdraw from affiliation with the National Council.

In addition to its stand on the segregation problem, noted the Charleston *News and Courier*, "the National Council has engaged in other controversies outside the normal sphere of religious bodies. The Council has urged churchmen to join unions and support strikes. It has allowed Walter P. Reuther and others to use its official stationery to promote 'an unsegregated church.' It has accepted money through Reuther from the CIO's Murray Memorial Foundation. It has disapproved of state right-to-work laws."

Right to Work: Reports from California disclose that union forces there are exerting powerful pressures to prevent expression of popular will on the question of right-to-work laws. Union members and other workers, it is reported, are being subjected to economic coercion to keep them from endorsing a state right-to-work law in a forthcoming California referendum.

Labor experts in the Capital apprised of the California story say that the prototype for such campaigns of intimidation can be found in the little-noticed story of a 1956 attempt to put a right-to-work referendum on the ballot in the state of Washington, one of the Nation's most highly unionized areas.

In early 1956 two statewide groups, both composed of union and nonunion workers, organized a campaign to secure signatures for petitions favoring a right-to-work

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proposal to be voted on later that year. An independent survey showed that the bill was favored in the state by a margin of approximately three-to-one. The union bosses, charge right-to-work supporters, used every means at their disposal — legal and illegal — to prevent the required number of signatures from being obtained.

Powerful union organizations, they add, urged members to invalidate entire petitions by signing fraudulent names, and to return postage-due envelopes with heavy sheets of lead to cause added postage expense for the petition's sponsors.

As it became obvious that the necessary number of signatures would be reached, these tactics were changed. The bosses (notably those of Dave Beck's giant Teamsters Union) put the economic squeeze on union members in a futile attempt to force the removal of signatures from the petition. After the expenditure of $250,000 to "convince" the rank-and-file of the wisdom of removing their names, only 266 signers asked that their signatures be taken off the list. The names of the 3,100 who contributed to the "Right-to-Work Committee" (one of the organizations sponsoring the drive) were publicly exposed by the opposition.

The bosses, in their unsuccessful propaganda campaign, spent ten times as much money (taken from the pockets of dues-paying union members) as did supporters of the petition. The Teamsters Union of Washington threw approximately $1 million into the affray, notwithstanding the fact that an independent poll showed the vast majority of Teamsters in favor of the bill. Although it is a criminal violation of Washington's corrupt-practices law for out-of-state money to be used to influence voters in such matters, the National Teamsters headquarters — concludes the indictment by right-to-work forces — presented their brethren in the Evergreen State with a "grant" of $100,000 for the petition battle.

Question: "initiative and referendum" were once highly cherished by "liberal" groups bent on seeing that the popular will could find adequate expression; where are those "liberal" groups now?

Pension for Harry: Only slightly noticed in the press, House leaders of both parties are backing a proposal to give ex-Presidents pensions of $25,000 a year — and a number of other things. Friends of former President Hoover believe that he would refuse to take such a pension (he returned to the Treasury his 1929-32 salary as President).

Hence the "grab" is obviously intended for Truman. The latter is not indigent, but reportedly finds it more difficult to pay the costs of his tireless travels, correspondence with Democratic leaders and his "give-'em-hell" activities. What has not been given much publicity in the current maneuvering are the other things in the "grab" — namely, office space, a maximum of approximately $100,000 a year for office staff and expenses, the franking privilege and a $10,000 a year pension for the President's widow. Alert Congressman August Johansen (R.-Mich.) strongly reacted to these proposals: "I expect to oppose this bill vigorously because I am not in favor of institutionalizing and subsidizing the nonexistent office of 'former Presidents of the United States.' "

High Court: Capital dignitaries attending the annual meeting of the Gridiron Club last week witnessed the performance of a blistering satire of the left-wing Warren Supreme Court. In the annual spoof of official Washington, participants portraying the members of the Court — dressed in long red underwear and judicial robes — sang the following verses, to the tune of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic":

Mine eyes have seen the glory of a civil rights decree,
We have trampled on the Democrats and also GOP,
As for who is going to make it work, I'm glad it isn't me.
Oh boy this job is fun.

* * *

We have opened up the files of FBI for all to see,
We have emptied all the prison cells from Maine to Kankakee,
And any hood can take the Fifth with equanimity,
Oh boy this job is fun.

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Oh, critics say we write the laws,
From this I won't dissent,
We tell the Constitution's authors what they should have meant,
Results of each election we will never circumvent,
Oh boy this job is fun.

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Article Section I *Printed in Two Sections*

NEA: 100 YEARS OF PROGRESSIVE FAILURE

A British Journalist Surveys US Education

By COLM BROGAN

AMERICA's National Education Association has now passed its one-hundredth birthday. As this is by far the most important body of its kind in the United States, the centenary was celebrated with a good deal of entirely natural self-congratulation.

With a full-time staff of more than 400 and a membership of almost 700,000, the NEA can certainly claim to have arrived. Nevertheless, there is a growing body of American opinion which fervently wishes that it would now depart.

If the quality of our own primary education makes the British taxpayer loudly wonder if he is getting his money's worth, the same doubt is more deeply felt and more forcibly expressed in the United States, and a large part of the blame for painfully apparent deficiencies is being laid on the shoulders of the NEA, where it most properly belongs.

The purpose of the founding fathers of the NEA was to "elevate the character and advance the interests of the profession of teaching" and to "promote the cause of popular education in the United States." Both of these causes must have seemed unexceptionable in 1857, but they are coming under increasingly heavy fire today.

The NEA is egalitarian. That is to say, it is and must be anti-intellectual. It assumes that, by the eternal order of nature or else by the special arrangements of the American Constitution, all children are created equal, with an equal right to life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness and such credit certificates as they may deem it convenient to acquire, without, in the process, learning anything particular about anything at all.

The NEA has been particularly hostile to classical and academic learning, to an extent that has made the teaching of Latin seem like an un-American activity. This does not mean, however, that the NEA is devoted to the highly relevant disciplines of the materialistic present. Algebra is not favored, and one of the NEA's leaders, Mr. Wesley, considers that arithmetic and geography throw no light on the "great moral, social and political issues of the day."

Naturally Mr. Wesley frowns on theological dogmas. (The author of a recent booklet on American education believes that there is no place in a state school for a teacher who accepts any religious doctrine. It is, to put it mildly, odd that this booklet should appear in Britain with the blessing of the Liberal party.) Mr. Wesley is also proud to claim that Americans are too nationalistic to think much of foreign studies which imply dependence on foreign cultures.

The NEA's philosophers believe that if there is any subject which some children can do and some cannot do, then the subject should be thrown out of the curriculum; that subject is necessarily a relic of feudalism. One aggressive school of thought fights strongly against the superstition that all children should be taught to read and write, and there is no doubt that many American primary schools are singularly unsuperstitious.

The powerhouse of the NEA's educational philosophy is the Teachers' College of Columbia University. Until recently, it took considerable courage for any educationist to make a public stand against Columbia, but there are signs that the tide is beginning to turn.

It is perhaps significant that the counteraction is mainly coming from outside the profession. Books with such titles as *Why Johnny Can't Read* have had very large sales. The angry parents of Illinois were not consoled by the assurance that the real purpose of the primary school was to teach 40 basic attitudes and adjustments to life in general. (Among these were the faculty of distinguishing between right and wrong and the ability to make a wise choice of a family dentist.)

MANY PARENTS are not only angry at what Johnny is not taught, but at what he *is* taught. "Cumulative evidence supports the conclusion that in the United States, as in other countries, the age of individualism and *laissez-faire* in economy and government is closing and that a new age of collectivism is emerging." This statement from a report sponsored by the NEA is very far from the taste of the ordinary American, who would like to know if collectivism has taken the place of arithmetic in the classroom.

It is perhaps fortunate for his blood pressure that the ordinary American did not see the NEA yearbook which described the Communist leader Earl Browder as "an able and restrained radical." Anyone who is honestly looking for an explanation of "McCarthyism" has not far to seek.

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Dr. Counts of the NEA has publicly said that the schools should train children for the collectivist society that is now emerging. "You will say, no doubt, that I am flirting with the idea of indoctrination. And my answer is again in the affirmative, or at least, I should say that the word does not frighten me."

But it frightens most of the taxpayers and they are beginning to show their feelings. It goes without saying that not all American state primary schools are as bad as the NEA would like them to be. There are many practical-minded and sensible teachers in these schools who are anxious to do a useful day's work if only their supervisors will allow them.

It is the general belief that the most efficient state primary schools are in the states of the North Atlantic coast and in California and other Far Western States, while the most abysmally bad are to be found in the Midwest. Some believe that the quality of the state primary schools in any area is directly in proportion to the number of private independent schools, which are in competition and coarsely insist on producing results.

In some parts of the United States the parochial Church schools, entirely financed out of Church funds, are growing very rapidly – so rapidly that an American professor recently told me that he believed that in certain areas the state primary school would soon become an expensive irrelevance.

Teachers in state schools are inclined to resent the belief that the parochial schools provide a better education, but the belief is widely held; and it seems reasonable to surmise that, in a school where all the pupils have a common religious faith, discipline is likely to be easier to maintain.

The denominational institutions of higher learning are also very popular, although there is no common faith among the students. In the Roman Catholic University of Fordham two-thirds of the dental students are Jews. I am told that in Georgetown University, which is Jesuit-controlled, there is a Mohammedan on the teaching staff.

The undenominational private schools, roughly corresponding to our [British] preparatory and public schools, are regarded with some suspicion by most Americans. Because they are expensive they are necessarily exclusive, and this is something of an affront to what Americans are so fond of calling their *mores*. There was no greater tribute to the magnetism of Franklin Roosevelt than the fact that the American people totally forgave him for having been at Groton. (Groton is so far removed from the log-cabin tradition that one of Roosevelt's teachers was a millionaire.)

It is possible that the Supreme Court may have come effectively to the assistance of this suspect and minor section of the independent school system. The Court's command that state schools be integrated racially "with all deliberate speed" had results which were easily foreseen by everybody except the members of the Court.

In every place where there was a considerable colored population, and most spectacularly in the city of Washington, white parents who could afford to do so acted with speed and no deliberation by moving into all-white districts and thus resegregating their children by a simple change of address.

NOT ALL parents could afford to move house in this way, and not all could find a convenient district which was entirely white. There are some Americans, profoundly concerned with the present and future condition of state education, who are now hoping that such parents will begin to place their children in private schools, even at some considerable cost in fees. This hope has been strengthened by the ideological antics of the New York school board, which has been trying to send children from all-white districts to distant schools, so that they may be integrated.

As a pressure group, the NEA is no less formidable than the Methodists or the Roman Catholics, but it looks as if the NEA might soon begin to learn the old rule of physics that action and reaction are equal and opposite. In short, this body has gone considerably too far and may well have less cause for self-congratulation on its second centenary – if it survives as long as that, which is more than doubtful.

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Article Section II

HELP FOR THE CHRONIC APPEASER

By HANDICAPPER

AFTER A QUARTER of a century of improving the breed of the thoroughbred horse, I used to labor with the idea of forming something called "Horse Players Anonymous" (HPA), a deliberate steal, of course, from Alcoholics Anonymous.

Any member, tempted to wager on a "good thing" recently recommended by his barber, could summon another member of HPA to drop over and help him wrestle with the urge until after post-time for the seventh race at Washington Park. Members would have to be prepared to snatch the *Racing Form* from the afflicted one's hands, tear up his list of bookmaker's telephone numbers and, in an emergency, rip the telephone from the wall. They must also be sufficiently resolute of spirit to resist the temptation to give up the struggle and say to the member in need of help: "Put five on Zero Hour for me!"

The question arose, however, whether there would be enough racing fanatics with the will to reform to make a Horse Players Anonymous organization possible. The leaders of Alcoholics Anonymous testify that there is no hope for a drunk who doesn't want to stop drinking. If the same is true of horse players, the prospect of reform would seem to be grim indeed.

Less stony ground over which to scatter the seeds of this "Anonymous" idea might be the "elite" group — as the snobs in its midst have begun to describe it — which sets, or upsets, the national policy on how to handle the Communists. Government officials, editors, lecturers to women's clubs, college professors and businessmen are among the categories that I have in mind as candidates for "Appeasers Anonymous," a mutual organization designed to aid those afflicted by the chronic impulse to appease communism. Even those who are not yet victims of this disability, but who are subject to constant pressures and temptations, would be welcomed by Appeasers Anonymous.

Unfortunately there is no skin test or other means of detecting the chronic appeaser early in life. Indeed it is only after the symptoms have reached an advanced stage that the disease can be recognized. For example, a supposedly normal man comes upon an article by Joseph Alsop about Nikita Khrushchev, and reads that this character is no mere stumblebum of the Steppes but is actually the possessor of an intellect as powerful as that of John Quincy Adams. That Vodka jug is just to fool Presbyterians like John Foster Dulles into a sense of false security.

Well, the normal reader could take this information or leave it alone. But the potential appeaser is affected differently. He develops an insatiable appetite for articles about Communist "leaders." A quiet evening spent in sipping the interpretations of Harrison Salisbury in *The New York Times* leads to bouts with Professor Frederick L. Schuman and *The Reporter* magazine. Soon the poor fellow is deep in the works of Owen Lattimore and the earlier Howard Fast. He becomes a secret reader of old copies of the *Daily Worker* and writes fan letters to Cyrus Eaton, the contents of which he has forgotten by morning.

THE MAN is clearly in need of help, but help is difficult to come by. Like social drinking, "social appeasement" is the fashion among the groups in which our victim moves. If he manages to fight off the demon for a few weeks, he is sure to attend a tea or cocktail party during which somebody presses into his hand a manifesto by Dr. Linus Pauling and 10,000 professors accusing John Foster Dulles of Constructive War Crimes.

"Oh come on, just this one little article on culture swapping with the Soviet Union won't hurt you," assures the well-meaning hostess. But within a week, the man is on Skid Row, where he wanders about muttering "You can't make an omelette without breaking eggs," and "where is our dynamic and imaginative foreign policy?" Or "Why don't they listen to George Kennan, and 'disengage'?"

Or he may drop into a rescue mission to write letters to the papers denouncing the House Committee on Un-American Activities for asking rude questions of Corliss Lamont. Such pitiful derelicts can be found in every American city and town, listening to earnest speeches at the Foreign Policy Association or the League of Women Voters, or explaining to long-suffering friends that, if the Communists have concentration camps, they must have a good reason for it!

What constructive purpose could Appeasers Anonymous serve? Well, it is easy to imagine President Eisenhower, forced to spend his non-golfing hours with a Palace Guard which includes some sad derelicts of the Appeasement mania, summoning AA on the telephone:

"The boys tell me that Khrushchev wants me to go out on the town again. He says that old Summit joint has been redecorated and they've got a new band,

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and that nobody's going to pour the stuff down anybody's throat – just a quiet evening of good talk. Don't you think it would be all right to go along? Everybody says the Summit is highly recommended as wonderful for relieving tensions."

Voice from AA: "Stay right there, and don't touch the telephone. We're sending Stassen a false message to go up to Pennsylvania and talk things over, but you'll have to deal with Paul Hoffman yourself. Don't let him in! Tell him you're issuing an order dispatching a task force to that Brooklyn high school to deal with those anti-rape fanatics! We'll have somebody right over."

Take an editor of a popular magazine confronted with an article by Owen Lattimore entitled, "Solution In Asia: Who's Laughing?" The AA office gets right on the job:

"Yes, I know he's a good writer. So was Howard Fast before he signed the pledge – remember? Just hold the fort and pray! Get hold of a set of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee's hearings on the Institute of Pacific Relations and chew on them like a beaver till our guy gets there! Don't watch Edward R. Murrow TV shows or read any English editorials on the Far East! Walter Robertson will be right over!"

Or suppose somebody could have shilled Harvard's Board of Overseers to attend a meeting of Appeasers Anonymous about the time they were considering whether or not to invite Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer to give the William James lectures. The logic of somebody like Medford Evans might conceivably have penetrated even the complacency of State Street, Boston, and Brattle Street, Cambridge, sufficiently to suggest that maybe the old pal of Communist Steve Nelson might not be just the right fit for a chair set up to honor William James, the specialist in "ethics." Still, at Harvard you never can tell. Those seminars up there are worse than the old beer nights.

THE APPEASER who is sincerely endeavoring to break the habit is entitled to sympathetic cooperation. He may try at first to taper off on a beverage like *The New Class,* by the Yugoslav Djilas, which is to real Communist literature what Southern Comfort is to hard liquor. Or he may try to forget his whole past and, if he is a writer, take up "nonsensitive" subjects. Such a man seldom goes the whole distance and hands over his problem to the Internal Security Subcommittee's Jay Sourwine Clinic.

He dreads ridicule by his old buddies as a convert to "McCarthyism," just as a Bowery drunk would remain in his cups and degradation lest he be twitted as the pet of the WCTU. Like Gates of the late *Daily Worker,* he will try to tell himself that there was nothing wrong with the sour mash he had been drinking but only with the low characters who let it go to their heads. "National communism" and "Titoism" are favorites among Appeasers who think they can be cured if they stick to light wines and beer.

The mission of Appeasers Anonymous should be to encourage a complete break with the past and discourage efforts to "taper off." As the experience of Whittaker Chambers makes plain, this is no easy road to travel. There is nobody the in-and-out imbiber hates more than the man who has quit the stuff altogether. The anti-anti-Communist, the fellow traveler and the "let's look at both sides" appeaser despise the man who gets clear of the whole thing. He offends their pride and tortures their consciences. In such circles a man like Whittaker Chambers is as popular as Billy Graham in a horse parlor.

More hopeful is the work among those who got into the appeasement habit early in life. Among very young persons, including college students, the compulsive appeaser can often find a challenge to his dementia. Although there appears to be at least a partial return of common sense on the appeasement issue among college students, however, there is little ground for expecting their professors to contribute much to the therapeutics needed to deal with this evil. Most professors would regard Appeasers Anonymous, and its effort to deprive the chronic appeaser of his toddy, as "witch burning." In defense of academic freedom, they would bar anti-appeasement publications like HUMAN EVENTS from the college library.

The occasional college professor who joins Appeasers Anonymous and attempts to wean his fellows away from their 90-proof blend of "objective thinking about the USSR" and one-way academic freedom would probably be scourged from the Groves of Academe. At the minimum it would be whispered about that he was slipping in his professional work, if he wasn't actually in need of psychiatric treatment.

Appeasers Anonymous could be a challenge. In fact I suspect it's too much of a challenge. At any rate, who would have the heart to assign a busy and sensible man to spend an evening wrestling for the soul of a chain-talking fellow traveler?

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